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The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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24 August 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

ATTENTION: []

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Office of Legislative Liaison

FROM :

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Acting NIO for General Purpose Forces

SUBJECT : Contact with GAO Personnel []

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1. On 20 August 1984 Bonnie Turner of the National Security Division of GAO called me and asked for permission to downgrade extracts of NIE 11-15-82, Soviet Naval Strategy and Programs Through the 1990s, for a report that the GAO was sending to Congress on US naval readiness. I asked her where she obtained the information from the NIE, and she said she obtained it from the Navy. I asked her if she could cite the extracts to me over a secure phone and she said no, but that she could bring me the extracts. []

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2. Later that day she called at the office. She was escorted and interviewed in a temporarily unused office, and I did not provide her with any classified information. Rather, she presented me with a list of extracts from NIE 11-15-82 which she wished to be downgraded to Secret []

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[] In an attempt to determine where these extracts had been published, I asked for her contact with the Navy and called Cdr Ray Wallace, OP-324C, who acknowledged that Ms. Turner had been allowed to have access to the Navy's draft surface warfare plan. I asked Cdr Wallace to send me appropriate portions of the plan so that I could see how the extracts from the NIE had been used. I then told Ms. Turner that I could not answer her questions until I saw the information that the Navy would provide, and that she would be contacted later. []

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3. As I understand it, you prefer that any future contact with Ms. Turner be via the Liaison Office of CIA and GAO. In my opinion, the portions of the NIE are properly extracted and classified. NIO/GPF has no objection to the use of this information in the GAO survey. []

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4. For your background in advising GAO, I am providing the following attachments:

*except as noted on the attachment.
I will notify the Navy of the
discrepancies.*

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-- a letter from GAO to DoD advising them of their intent to do this survey.

-- the list of extracts GAO wishes downgraded.

-- the portions of the Navy Surface Warfare Plan containing these extracts [redacted]

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5. Please advise this office of your final action on this matter. [redacted]

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Attachments: A/S

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